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BUILD NEW CHANNEL FOR SEREBRYANKA;
OREL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

WILL SIMPLIFY BRANCH SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 203, 28 Aug 49

Within the next few days, the Serebryanka River will flow in a new channel which is being constructed by the builders of the Moscow Subway. The new channel was necessary because the river complicates the building of a special surface subway branch connecting the new depot in Izmaylov with the Moscow Subway. The artificial Serebryanka channel is one half kilometer long and is made of reinforced concrete and the usual dirt canal.

SPEED ORAL REHABILITATION -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 187, 10 Aug 49

In 6 years, more than 4,000 kolkozhes, many MTE and sovkhoses have been reconstructed in Orel Oblast. This year, the area sown to spring crops was increased by 87,000 hectares. The area sown to hemp, the chief industrial crop of the oblast, has doubled. The number of horses has doubled and large horned cattle have increased 150 percent and exceeded the prewar level.

In Orel, the capacity of the power system and water main, and the number of streetcars and autobuses have already exceeded the prewar level. The number of asphalt streets and sidewalks has increased 50 percent over prewar. The city's industry fulfilled the 6-month plan 107 percent and the July plan 110.6 percent.

MOLDAVIAN TOWN GROWS -- Pionerskaya Pravda, No 70, 2 Sep 49

The town of Bel'tay, located in the steppes of northern Moldavia where two small rivers, the Rait and Reutsel, come together, is spreading out. Not long ago the area surrounding the town was swampy and muddy. Now the swamps have been dried up and new homes have appeared on Lenin, Leningrad, and Krasnoarmysk streets.

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PLAN AMU-DAR'YA EXPEDITION -- Pravda Vostoka, No 172, 2 Sep 49

In the near future, under the direction of the Council of Ministers Uzbek SSR, a scientific expedition of the Administration of Reservations and Zoological Parks, Council of Ministers Uzbek SSR, is to leave for the Amu-Dar'ya delta. The group is headed by Professor L. A. Molchanov.

The expedition will examine the boundaries of the Amu-Dar'ya reservation in connection with the development of a single-crop economy. It will determine which sections of the reservation are the most valuable and must be reserved in their entirety for maximum conservation of the country's natural resources.

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